



Seventh-Day Adventist Camp Wawona Land Exchange and Redevelopment

What is this project about?

Camp Wawona is an existing Seventh-day Adventist (SDA) church camp serving the needs of its Central California Conference. The SDA Church has owned and operated Camp Wawona for over seventy years. The camp is situated on a peninsula of private property extending into National Park Service land, much of which was designated Wilderness by the California Wilderness Act of 1984. To better protect the park's Wilderness, the National Park Service is considering an exchange of its adjacent land that is not designated Wilderness for a portion of the land owned by the SDA Church. Once the land exchange is complete, the SDA Church would relocate camp facilities to the new site, and restore the former site to natural conditions.

What are some of the individual actions that will be considered in this project?

This project includes:

- A land exchange between National Park Service and SDA Church with appropriate land-use classification and zoning changes:

SDA land: 15.36 acres at southern property line

NPS land: 18.00 acres located adjacent to western property boundary between SDA/NPS land

- Recognition of the proposed land use in the new area as conditional. *
- A conditional use permit for the relocation and construction of buildings and facilities on the new site, demolition of buildings and facilities on the old site, and restoration of the old site to natural conditions.
- A boundary line adjustment.

* In 1987, the County of Mariposa adopted the Wawona Town Planning Area Specific Plan (WTP). Camp Wawona was designated MR-1, Mountain Residential, and by the conditional use "church" was not defined to include "church camp." As a result, Camp Wawona is a legally existing but non-conforming use within the Mountain Residential (MR-1) designation.

What are the next steps?

The National Park Service and the County of Mariposa are currently in the process of reviewing and addressing public comments which were received during the public scoping period and developing alternatives for the Seventh-day Adventist Camp Wawona Land Exchange and Redevelopment Project. They will then jointly prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Assessment (EIR/EA) which will be available for further public review.

Public Participation

Public participation in the planning process is critical. Here are some ways to stay involved in the Seventh-day Adventist Camp Wawona Land Exchange and Redevelopment Project:

- Review and comment on the Seventh-day Adventist Camp Wawona Land Exchange and Redevelopment EIR/EA when it becomes available in 2003.
- Add your name to the park's planning mailing list (to address/fax/ email below) and receive the Planning Update newsletter as well as other planning-related notices.

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The status of this and other Yosemite National Park improvement projects will be periodically updated on the park's planning web site. Visit online:
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